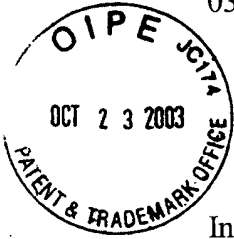


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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Unassigned
TAKUYA TSUJIMOTO)	
	:	Group Art Unit: Not Yet Assigned
Appln. No.: 10/614,047)	
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Filed: July 8, 2003)	
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For: DISCRIMINATING METHOD FOR)	October 23, 2003
RECORDING MEDIUM AND	:	
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

JP '037 is discussed on page 5 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

JP '805 corresponds to US '236, which is directed to a smoothness measuring device in a recording apparatus.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. application,
a copy of which is also enclosed:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>INVENTOR(S)</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>
10/610,872	Takuya Tsujimoto	July 2, 2003	Unknown

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,


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